

In the claims:

Claims 1-11 canceled.

12. (new) A discussion unit for use in a conference system and connectable to at least one second discussion element of the conference system, said discussion unit comprising means for switching between at least two operating modes; at least one exchangeable control out of a set of controls including at least one control for each of the operating modes, said at least one exchangeable control being configured to indicate to a user an operating mode currently used and to allow the user to control the discussion unit.

13. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 12; and further comprising means for operating at least two operating modes including a single user delegate mode in which the discussion unit is a discussion unit for a single delegate participating in a conference, a dual user delegate mode in which the discussion unit is a discussion unit for two delegates participating in the conference, and a chairman mode in which the discussion unit is a chairman unit adapted to control a state of at least one microphone of the discussion unit.

14. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 13, wherein said means for operating said at least two of operating modes is configured so that in the chairman mode the discussion unit controls the state of at least one

microphone by switching the state from a speak-state into a mute-state or vice versa.

15. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 13; and further comprising means for operating a single user delegate mode with auxiliary control so that in the single user delegate mode a discussion unit is a discussion unit for a single delegate participating in a conference, and the discussion unit offers to the delegate an auxiliary control option.

16. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 1; and further comprising at least one additional exchangeable control out of the set of controls and including at least one control for each of the operating modes, wherein at least one additional exchangeable control is adapted to indicate to a user an operated mode currently used and to allow for the user to control the discussion unit.

17. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 12, wherein said exchangeable control includes at least one exchangeable push-button.

18. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 17, wherein said exchangeable push-button includes a split push-button, offering at least two separate control features.

19. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 1; and further comprising a casing; and at least one ejection facility which is configured to allow for a user to remove said at least one exchangeable control from said casing.

20. (new) A discussion unit as defined in claim 12; and further comprising a casing; and an ejector facility including at least one opening which allows for a user to push said at least one exchangeable control out of said casing.

21. (new) An ejector tool to be used for a discussion unit for use in a conference system and connectable to at least one second discussion element of the conference system, said discussion unit comprising means for switching between at least two operating modes, at least one exchangeable control out of a set of controls including at least one control for each of the operating modes, said at least one exchangeable control being configured to indicate to a user an operating mode currently used and to allow the user to control the discussion unit, with a casing, wherein the ejector tool has a tool element configured to be used for pushing out the at least one exchangeable control from the casing.

22. (new) A set, comprising at least two exchangeable controls for a discussion unit for use in a conference system and connectable to at least one second discussion element of the conference system, said discussion unit comprising means for switching between at least two operating modes, at least

one exchangeable control out of a set of controls including at least one control for each of the operating modes, said at least one exchangeable control being configured to indicate to a user an operating mode currently used and to allow the user to control the discussion unit, and at least one additional exchangeable control out of the set of controls and including at least one control for each of the operating modes, wherein the at least one additional exchangeable control is adapted to indicate to a user an operated mode currently used and to allow for the user to control the discussion unit.

23. (new) A conference system, comprising at least two discussion units each provided for use in a conference system and connectable with one another, wherein each of said discussion units includes means for switching between at least two operating modes, at least one exchangeable control out of a set of controls including at least one control for each of the operating modes, said at least one exchangeable control being configured to indicate to a user an operating mode currently used and to allow the user to control the discussion unit, and at least one additional exchangeable control out of the set of controls and including at least one control for each of the operating modes, wherein the at least one additional exchangeable control is adapted to indicate to a user an operated mode currently used and to allow for the user to control the discussion unit.